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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on December 12, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action.

The newly submitted claims 11-25 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: the limitations of a system and method for a plurality of reporters collectively self-organizing to share the task of identifying, judging and recording team-member activity that is causal to team achievement comprising: creating a common perspective (or means thereto) among the plurality of reporters by team-member interaction protocol means to guide reporters' collective discovery of valued team-member interactions; recording and processing (or means thereto) plural reporters' reports on an aggregate basis and storing and retrieving them from a data base; guiding reporters on how to integrate their reporting activities to achieve the goal of providing complete coverage for a contest, when given only partial understanding of how they can achieve said goal (claims 11 and 17); a system and method for collective intelligence gathering by a group to achieve a pre-defined group goal wherein said group is self-managed and self-trained, with role selection, information discovery, information reporting, information aggregation and group member performance rating, comprising: creating (or means thereto) a common perspective of the problem domain by group members; judging (or means thereto) the value of observations by group members; recording and integrating (or means thereto) judgments by group members on an aggregate basis, and storing and retrieving them

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from a data base; valuing (or means thereto) group members' contribution to the intelligence gathering task; and guiding (or means thereto) group members on how to integrate their information gathering activities to achieve the goal of providing complete coverage for a problem domain, when given only partial understanding of how they can achieve said goal (claims 23 and 24); deterring (or means thereto) hostile attempts to report false data by security means (claims 12 and 18); and all other limitations from claims 13-16, 19-22, and 25.

Further, the amendment filed December 12, 2003 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132 states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows:

In the Amendment, the added materials from page 10, line 5 to page 13, line 12 introduced new subject matters to the original specification.

Further, the newly submitted Figures 13-15 introduced new matters to the original specification.

Furthermore, claims 11, 17, and 25 introduced new matters of Figures 13-15.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Note that, it appears that the applicant tried to add subject matters from the U.S. Patent Application No. 09/571,874, now U.S. Patent No. 6,496,812. Those added subject matters are considered new since the outstanding application originally does not prefer Patent Application No. 09/571,874 as incorporated by reference.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 11-25 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Since the reply filed on November 26, 2003 appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh-An D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-305-5713. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Teresa Walberg can be reached on 703-308-1327. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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